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SUBJ: PRESIDENT' S SPEECH ON NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF 1964 REVOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: ON MARCH 31 PRESIDENT MEDICI DELIVERED
NATIONWIDE TV SPEECH MARKING NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964
REVOLUTION. BASIC EMPHASIS OF SPEECH WAS TO SHOW GOB' S
CONCERN FOR " COLLECTIVE WELFARE" OF BRAZILIAN PEOPLE, BUT
STRESSING THE NECESSITY TO CREATE A LARGER PIE TO SHARE. THE
PRESIDENT ALSO NOTED BRIEFLY BRAZIL' S DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THIS
HEMISPHERE.
NO ACTION REQUIRED.

2. ON EVENING OF MARCH 31, PRESIDENT MEDICI DELIVERED
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TRADITIONAL SPEECH MARKING THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964 REVOLUTION. SPEAKING IN HIS USUAL SERIOUS STYLE BEFORE A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION AUDIENCE, THE PRESIDENT REITERATED HIS MESSAGE OF A YEAR AGO BY STATING THAT THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF THE 1964 REVOLUTION WAS TO " MODERNIZE THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE" OF BRAZIL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE NATION' S LEADERSHIP SOUGHT TO ACT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE " COLLECTIVE WHOLE" AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN GUIDED BY " MORAL PRINCIPLES" IN ITS BEHAVIOR.

3. THE PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY NOTED THAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL BRAZILIANS, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO INCREASE PRODUCTION AND CURTAIL INFLATION, THEREBY PROVIDING MORE FOR THE ENTIRE NATION TO SHARE. HE POINTED TO VARIOUS MEASURES WHICH THE GOB HAD ADOPTED TO IMPROVE THE " COLLECTIVE LOT": PERIODIC WAGE INCREASES, IMPROVED SOCIAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS, EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ETC. HE COMMENTED THAT BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA INFLATION THIS YEAR WOULD BE HELD TO ESTABLISHED LIMITS.

4. WARNING THAT THE REVOLUTION COULD NOT REVERSE OVERNIGHT THE PRE- 1964 CHAOS WHICH IT INHERITED, HE NOTED THAT THE LEADERS MUST HAVE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR TASKS AND SAID THAT THE " PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT THEIR CONFIDENCE" AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE PAST, I. E., THE RECENT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

5. IN A BRIEF PASSAGE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE HUMANIST PHILOSOPHY OF BRAZIL' S CULTURAL TRADITION, THE NATION SEEKS CLOSE TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE HEMISPHERE. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE AND THE NATION' S LEADERS, WORKING IN TANDEM, HAVE LED BRAZIL TO THE GREATEST PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY IN ITS HISTORY. FINALLY, HE SAID, BY SUCCESSFULLY BUILDING THIS FREE AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY, BRAZIL CAN LOOK FORWARD IN THE FUTURE TO A PRESTIGIOUS POSITION AMONG THE " GREAT POWERS".

6. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT' S SPEECH PRESENTED NOTHING NEW AND ROUSED LITTLE EXCITEMENT. HOWEVER, IT DID SERVE AS AN OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN FOR THE GOB TO GIVE PUBLIC EXPRESSION TO ITS CONCERN WITH IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE BRAZILIAN POPULATION. THE PRESIDENT' S REFERENCE TO THE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH HEMISPHERIC NEIGHBORS WAS INTENDED AS A MESSAGE FOR

ARGENTINA WHERE CAMPORA' S ELECTORAL VICTORY HAS CAUSED
CONSIDERABLE BUT MUTED BRAZILIAN CONCERN. HIS REFERENCE TO
BRAZIL' S EMERGING WORLD POWER STATUS WAS BOTH AN APPEAL TO
BRAZILIAN PRIDE AND AN ENUNCIATION OF A THEME WHICH CAN BE
EXPECTED TO RECUR FREQUENTLY IN THE FUTURE AS BRAZIL CONTINUES
TO FLEX ITS NEW ECONOMIC MUSCLES.
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